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APPLICANT(S): Padigaru *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 10/051,874 EXAMINER: Robert Landsman, Ph.D.
FILING DATE: January 16, 2002 ART UNIT: 1647
FOR: PROTEINS, POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING THEM AND METHODS OF
USING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO THE JUNE 4, 2003 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 4, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group II (claims 5-14, 30 and 33), drawn to a polynucleotide, vector, host cell, pharmaceutical composition and a kit, without traverse.

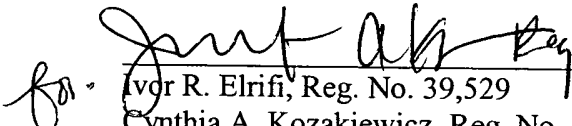
Applicants submit herewith a copy of a concurrently filed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) in order to delete those inventors who were correctly named in the instant application as filed, but are not inventors of the invention currently recited by the pending claims.

Applicants are also filing this Response in conjunction with a Preliminary Amendment. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and required fee are filed herewith. With this extension, a response is due on or before September 4, 2003. This application is entitled to small-entity status. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that

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may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21402-245 (CURA 545).

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